

NOMINEE FOR CHAIR-ELECT

KENNETH W. JACKSON, Ph.D
Director, New York Environmental Laboratory Approval Program
New York State Department of Health

Dr. Kenneth W. Jackson is Director of the New York State Environmental Laboratory Approval Program, and is also an active researcher in environmental analytical chemistry. He is currently the mentor of several graduate students, has published approximately 50 scientific papers, is on several international editorial boards, and regularly speaks at national and international conferences on analytical chemistry. He received degrees from the Imperial College, University of London (M.Sc and Ph.D, both in analytical chemistry). He began his career as a research scientist at the New York State Department of Health in Albany. He later returned to the United Kingdom where he was a Senior Lecturer in analytical chemistry at Sheffield City Polytechnic. Dr. Jackson was then appointed as Professor of Analytical Chemistry at the University of Saskatchewan, Canada. Finally, he returned to the New York State Department of Health, where he also holds a joint appointment as Professor in the School of Public Health of the State University of New York at Albany. He was a member of the State/EPA Focus Group that preceded NELAC, and is now the New York State Representative to NELAC. Dr. Jackson was a member of the NELAC Board of Directors until he was elected Chair of the Program Policy and Structure Committee.

NOMINEES FOR MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

RONALD L. CADA, DrPH

Technical Director, Division of Laboratories and Radiation Services Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

Dr. Ronald L. Cada is the Technical Director of the Division of Laboratories and Radiation Services for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. The Division is responsible for providing all state-level public health testing and is the Principle State Laboratory in Colorado. Previously he served as the Assistant Director of the University Hygienic Laboratory at the University of Iowa and also as Assistant Professor in the School of Public Health at the University of Texas. He holds degrees from Colorado State University (B.S. Microbiology and M.S. Environmental Microbiology) and the University of Texas (Doctor of Public Health). Dr. Cada has authored numerous publications in the fields of public health, quality assurance and public health laboratory policy. He has served as Chairman of the Conference of Public Health Laboratorians, President of the Iowa Public Health Association, and on the Board of Directors of the Association of State and Territorial Public Health Laboratory Directors. He is assisting the Government of India to establish a national quality assurance testing laboratory for vaccines and diagnostic reagents. Dr. Cada was Chairman of the Proficiency Testing Subcommittee of the State/EPA Focus Group, which prepared the initial set of draft standards for NELAC. He has been active in NELAC, participating on the Proficiency Testing Committee, and has been appointed by Governor Roy Romer as Colorado's NELAC representative.

BARBARA A. FINAZZO

Acting Director, Division of Environmental Science and Assessment US EPA Region II

Ms. Barbara A. Finazzo is the Acting Director of the Division of Environmental Science and Assessment in US EPA Region II. She is responsible for directing and managing a staff of over 80 scientists, engineers and technicians engaged in ambient and source monitoring for all environmental media, generation of data used in enforcement actions, development and implementation of data quality assurance policies and protocols, and the operation of the regional analytical testing laboratory. She has extensive experience with other federal, state, local and tribal agencies, academia, private industry and the general public. She was previously the Chief of the Technical Support Branch in the EPA Regional Laboratory. She also has served as Regional Program Manager of the Marine and Wetlands Protection Branch. Ms. Finazzo has degrees from Wagner College (B.S., Bacteriology and Public Health) and Rutgers (M.S., Environmental Science). She was a member of an international program to assist Bulgaria with their environmental programs. She also was a member of the Agency Reinvention Initiative that lead to the reorganization of Region 2 and the EPA Laboratories. Ms. Finazzo is a recipient of the Lee M. Thomas Excellence in Management Award, an EPA Silver Medal, and two EPA Bronze Medals. Ms. Fanazzo's staff has been actively engaged in NELAC since 1990.

GARY KING, Ph.D, J.D.

Member of the House of Representatives New Mexico State Legislature

Dr. Gary King is serving his sixth term in the House of Representatives in the New Mexico State Legislature. He has extensive experience working with state and federal agencies, particularly in the areas of environmental science and waste management programs. Dr. King has been the primary sponsor of legislation in New Mexico involving air and water quality, hazardous waste transportation and disposal, mine reclamation, and other environmental issues. He has also worked with Mexican organizations to identify and manage their environmental issues. He is concurrently working as an attorney in private practice, specializing in environmental law and regulatory activities. Previously, he was the Corporate General Counsel and Senior Environmental Lawyer with Advanced Sciences Inc. As a chemist, Dr. King researched gas phase reactions of negative ions with reactive organic compounds, and studied the solar photolysis of water catalyzed by metallic salts. Dr. King has degrees from New Mexico State University (B.S., Chemistry), Colorado University (Ph.D, Organic Chemistry), and the University of New Mexico (J.D.). He also serves as the Chair of the New Mexico House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee, Chair of Mixed Waste Working Group of the Federal Advisory Committee for Demonstration of Onsite Innovative Technologies, and editor of the Natural Resources Journal. In addition, Dr. King has been the facilitator for scientific projects such as the Assessment and Management at Hazardous Waste Sites Project and the Hanford Remedial Action Environmental Impact Statement. He is the Chair of the NELAC Implementation Committee and has served as the Governor appointed representative from the state of New Mexico.